

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A honey-based skin care preparation, characterized in that the honey is entrapped within an aqueous polymeric gel based on acrylic monomers or derivatives therefrom.
2. (original) A skin care preparation according to claim 1, characterized in that the skin care preparation is suitable for healing wounds.
3. (original) A skin care preparation according to claim 1, characterized in that the skin care preparation is suitable for cosmetic use.
4. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1-3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the skin care preparation comprises
 - from 5 to 60 wt.% honey, and
 - from 30 to 95 wt.% polymeric gel
 - * including 10-30 wt.% polymer, and
 - * 10-30 wt.% water,based on the total amount of ingredients.
5. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the skin care preparation comprises a humectant in addition to honey and a polymeric gel.

6. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1-3~~
claim 1, characterized in that the skin care preparation comprises

- from 5 to 60 wt.% humectant,
- from 5 to 60 wt.% honey, and
- from 30 to 40 wt.% polymeric gel
- * including 10-30 wt.% polymer, and
- * 10-30 wt.% water,

based on the total amount of ingredients.

7. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to claim 5[[or 6]], characterized in that said humectant is glycerin.

8. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the amount of honey ranges from 10 to 35%, based on the total amount of ingredients.

9. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1-8~~
claim 1, characterized in that one or more monomers comprising 2-acrylamido-2-methylpropane sulphonic acid, acrylic acid, acrylic acid (3-sulphopropyl)ester, a substituted derivative thereof or a salt thereof are used as acrylic monomers.

10. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1-9~~
claim 1, characterized in that one or more monomers comprising at least one of acrylamide or a mono- or di-N-alkylacrylamide or an analog compound thereof containing an alkyl or a substituted alkyl group combined with a carbon-carbon double binding via an amido- or alkylamido function are used as acrylic monomers.

11. (original) A skin care preparation according to claim 10, characterized in that the analog compound is diacetone acrylamide, a vinyl lactam, an N-alkylated acrylamide, an N, N-dialkylated acrylamide, N-vinylpyrrolidone or acryloylmorpholin.

12. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1—~~
~~11~~ claim 1, characterized in that the polymeric gel comprises 50 wt. % acrylamide and 50 wt. % water, based on the total amount of ingredients in the polymeric gel.

13. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1—~~
~~12~~ claim 1, characterized in that said skin care preparation comprises one or more additional ingredients selected from the group of antioxidants, transretinoic acid and/or derivatives and precursors thereof, polyunsaturated fatty acids, n-hexacosanol, bis(maltolato)oxo-vanadium(IV), aloe vera or thickeners.

14. (original) A skin care preparation according to claim 13, characterized in that the amount of additional components forms up to 40 wt.% of the total amount of ingredients.

15. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the claims 1—~~
~~14~~ claim 1, characterized in that the honey has a peroxide number of more than 5 µg/g honey/hour, measured at a temperature of 21 °C.

16. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one of the claims 1—15~~ claim 1, characterized in that the honey has an LPS content of 14-130 EU/ml.

17. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the honey is subjected to a sterilisation treatment when used

for healing wounds.

18. (original) A skin care preparation according to claim 17, characterized in that said sterilisation treatment is carried out by means of gamma rays.

19. (currently amended) A skin care preparation according to ~~any one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that said skin care preparation takes the form of a supple gel plate having a thickness of about 0.2-2 mm.